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1. SUMMARY: NATIONAL 4-H FOUNDATION DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, W. FRANCIS PRESSLY, SPENT AUGUST 30-31 IN BUDAPEST DISCUSSING PROPOSED EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH MAGYAR OFFICIALS IN MFA AND MINAG. HUNGARIANS CLEARLY INTERESTED IN PROGRAM AND USG NOW HAS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE SAME IN LIGHT AGRICULTURAL MINISTER ROMANY'S UPCOMING VISIT TO U.S. COMBINED WITH CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSIONS ON CULTURAL AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY PROPOSAL FOR 4-H EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH HUNGARY TOOK QUANTUM LEAP FORWARD WITH VISIT NATIONAL 4-H FOUNDATIONS'S W. FRANCIS PRESSLY'S VISIT TO BUDAPEST AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 1 WHERE VISITOR WELL RECEIVED BY MFA AND MINAG OFFICIALS. MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE SESSION TOOK PLACE WITH DR. BALINT SZALOCZY, MINAG HEAD OF DEPARTMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION. SZALOCZY, FORMER MAGYAR AGATT IN WASHINGTON, FAMILIAR
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WITH 4-H ROLE IN U.S. SCENE AND QUICK TO GRASP

EDUCATIONAL POTENTIAL FOR BUDDING MAGYAR AGRONOMISTS.
AFTER PRESSLY PRESENTATION OF POLISH, PHILIPPINE AND
OTHER PROGRAMS, SZALOCZY PROMPTLY ZEROED IN WITH
SPECIFIC QUESTIONS SUCH AS WHO WOULD BE SIGNATORIES
TO AGREEMENT, AGE AND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS OF TRAINEES,
DURATION OF TRAINEES' STAY IN U.S. AND HUNGARY,
RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS, ETC.
QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF QUESTIONS INDICATED
MAGYARS HAD STUDIED MATERIALS PROVIDED BY 4-H AND WERE
INDEED INTERESTED IN IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM. SINCE LATE
SPRING STARTUP WOULD BE OPTIMAL FOR 4-H, TIMING TIGHT
FOR '77. SZALOCZY, IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF QUERY RE
NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN, INDICATED THAT GOH WOULD REPLY
MORE SPECIFICALLY TO PROPOSAL WITHIN ONE MONTH. WE
EXPECT POSITIVE REPLY AND ALSO BELIEVE PROPOSAL SHOULD
BE DISCUSSED IN COURSE OF AGMIN ROMANY'S UPCOMING
U.S. VISIT.

3. PRESSLY WILL FOLLOW UP THROUGH HIS CHANNELS.
EMBASSY URGES DEPARTMENT AND FAS COORDINATE USG POSITION
AS PROPOSED EXCHANGE FITS WELL WITH SOON TO BE SIGNED
BILATERAL SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL AGREEMENT.
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